

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A disc apparatus comprising:

a base member;

5 a chassis movable with respect to said base member;

a pickup unit movably supported by said chassis to be accessible to a disc; and

a guide unit contactable with said pickup unit to guide said pickup unit, and in which

10 said guide unit includes an end portion selectively assuming two operation positions including a contact position in which said end portion is brought into contact with said chassis and a noncontact position in which said end portion is brought out of contact from said chassis, said guide unit being pivotable around an axis extending in a direction substantially perpendicular to a moving direction in which said pickup unit is movable with respect to said chassis.

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2. A disc apparatus as set forth in claim 1, in which

said guide unit is held in engagement with said chassis to be pivotable in combination with said chassis moving with respect to said base member.

20 3. A disc apparatus comprising:

a base member;

a chassis pivotably supported by said base member;

a turntable rotatably supported by said chassis to rotate a disc;

a pickup unit movably supported by said chassis to be accessible to said disc;

25 a lead screw supported by said chassis to drive said pickup unit; and

a guide unit contactable with said pickup unit to guide said pickup unit, and in which

30 said guide unit includes an axis extending in a direction substantially perpendicular to a moving direction in which said pickup unit is movable with respect to said chassis, said guide unit being supported by said chassis to be pivotable around said axis and movable in combination with said chassis pivoting with respect to said base member to be held in engagement with said chassis.

4. A disc apparatus as set forth in claim 3, which further comprises:

35 a motor unit for having said chassis pivot with respect to said base member, and in which

said guide unit further includes a pin selectively assuming two operation positions including a contact position in which said pin is brought into contact with said chassis and a noncontact position in which said pin is brought out of contact from said chassis,

said base member includes a cam groove portion engageable with said pin,

5        said guide unit is pivotable with respect to said base member to have said end portion move toward said chassis under the condition that said chassis pivots with respect to said base member toward said end portion forming part of said guide unit, and

10        said guide unit is pivotable with respect to said base member to have said end portion move away from said chassis under the condition that said chassis pivots with respect to said base member away from said end portion forming part of said guide unit.

5.        A disc apparatus comprising:

a base member;

a chassis pivotably supported by said base member;

15        a turntable rotatably supported by said chassis to rotate a disc;

a pickup unit movably supported by said chassis to be accessible to said disc;

a lead screw supported by said chassis to drive said pickup unit; and

a guide unit contactable with said pickup unit to guide said pickup unit, and in which

20        said guide unit includes an axis extending in a direction substantially perpendicular to a moving direction in which said pickup unit is movable with respect to said chassis, said guide unit being supported by said base member to be pivotable around said axis and pivotable independently from said chassis pivoting with respect to said base member to be held in engagement with said chassis.

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6.        A disc apparatus as set forth in claim 5, which further comprises:

a motor unit for having said chassis pivot with respect to said base member; and

a motor unit for having said guide unit pivot with respect to said chassis, and in

which

30        said guide unit further includes an end portion selectively assuming two operation positions including a contact position in which said end portion is brought into contact with said chassis and a noncontact position in which said end portion is brought out of contact from said chassis,

35        said guide unit is pivotable with respect to said base member to have said end portion move toward said chassis under the condition that said chassis pivots with respect to said base member toward said end portion forming part of said guide unit, and

said guide unit is pivotable with respect to said base member to have said end portion move away from said chassis under the condition that said chassis pivots with respect to said base member away from said end portion forming part of said guide unit.

5     7.     A disc apparatus comprising:

          a base member;

          a chassis movably supported by said base member;

          a turntable rotatably supported by said chassis to rotate a disc;

10       a pickup unit movably supported by said chassis to be accessible to said disc held  
by said turntable;

          a lead screw supported by said chassis to drive said pickup unit; and

          a guide unit contactable with said pickup unit to guide said pickup unit, and in  
which

15       said guide unit includes an axis extending in a direction substantially perpendicular  
to a moving direction in which said pickup unit is movable with respect to said chassis, said  
guide unit being supported by said chassis to be pivotable around said axis and movable in  
combination with said chassis pivoting with respect to said base member to be held in  
engagement with said chassis.

20     8.     A disc apparatus as set forth in claim 7, which further comprises:

          a motor unit for having said chassis move with respect to said base member; and

          a motor unit for having said guide unit pivot with respect to said chassis, and in  
which

25       said guide unit further includes an end portion selectively assuming two operation  
positions including a contact position in which said end portion is brought into contact with  
said chassis and a noncontact position in which said end portion is brought out of contact  
from said chassis,

30       said guide unit is pivotable with respect to said base member to have said end  
portion move toward said chassis under the condition that said chassis moves with respect to  
said base member toward said end portion forming part of said guide unit, and

          said guide unit is pivotable with respect to said base member to have said end  
portion move away from said chassis under the condition that said chassis moves with  
respect to said base member away from said end portion forming part of said guide unit.